

WHEREAS, the recent economic turmoil has compounded the financial challenges that many Rockville residents struggle to overcome, including the increased costs for housing and utilities; and

WHEREAS, Rockville residents have a history of showing concern for their neighbors, particularly during the November and December holiday season; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville has sponsored an annual holiday food and toy giving campaign for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the City enjoys continuing support of local school, civic organizations, businesses, and the faith community through their generous contributions of food, gifts, and monetary donations; and

WHEREAS, many individuals who live or work in Rockville perform a key role by volunteering their time to see that local seniors and families receive food for Thanksgiving and gifts in December;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE DO HEREBY proclaims the commencement of the 2012 Rockville Holiday Drive and urges all residents to "Take Part and Give from the Heart".

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